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COMMUNICATIONS PATH
CONNECTION OVERHEAD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005. Please amend the above-identified re-issue application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows: [SYSTEM FOR REDUCING
ARBITRATED-LOOP OVERHEAD BY MAINTAINING CONTROL OF A COMMUNICATIONS
CHANNEL AS LONG AS A PREDETERMINED AMOUNT OF DATA IS AVAILABLE
WITHIN CONTROL OF CHANNEL NODE]
METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS PATH CONNECTION
OVERHEAD